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SUBJECT: KIDNAPPED AMERICANS

REFS: (A) NAIROBI 4262 (NOTAL) (B) DAR ES SALAAM 1718

1. NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR FEIN INFORMED ME THAT FANBD WILLIAM MUGWADI CALLED ON HIM SECOND TIME AT 1000 TODAY (AT MUGWADI'S INITIATIVE) TO STATE THAT HE PLANS TO LEAVE NAIROBI JUNE 1 FOR EASTERN ZAIRE IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE RELEASE OF DUTCH STUDENT HELD BY PRP. FEIN NOW MORE THAN EVER CONVINCED THAT MUGWADI UNRELIABLE INFORMATION PEDDLER WHO IS MOTIVATED IN THIS CASE BY HOPE OF EVENTUALLY OBTAINING WINDFALL COMPENSATION IN RETURN FOR HIS GOOD OFFICES. (I HAD YESTERDAY BRIEFED FEIN ON MUGWADI'S BACKGROUND PER REF B AND SIMILAR INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN OUR FILES.) FEIN GAVE MUGWADI NO ENCOURAGEMENT AND DOES NOT PLAN TO RECOMMEND TO NETHERLANDS' GOVERNMENT THAT MUGWADI BE ASKED TO UNDERTAKE MISSION ON ITS BEHALF. NEVERTHELESS, IT NOW APPEARS
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THAT MUGWADI IS DETERMINED TO UNDERTAKE MISSION ON HIS OWN

AND, DESPITE POSSIBLY ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS MEDDLING,
THERE IS PROBABLY LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP HIM.

2. IN TODAY'S CONVERSATION MUGWADI GAVE FEIN SOME
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRP OPERATIONS AND PERSONALITIES
WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST. HE CLAIMED TO HAVE RESIDED IN
AREA OF ZAIRE HELD BY PRP FROM JULY TO OCTOBER 1974 AND TO
HAVE WITNESSED AUGUST 7 CLASH BETWEEN PRP FORCES AND 250
CONGOLESE TROOPS AT LUVUNGI. HE SAID THERE ARE TWO IMPORTANT
PRP GROUPS BASED IN VICINITY OF KIGULA MABWE AND KUNUA
WHICH MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN KIDNAPPING AND
CLAIMED TO KNOW LEADERS OF BOTH VERY WELL. LEADER OF ONE
GROUP IS KNOWN AS GENERAL SIMBA, MEMBER OF NDANDE TRIBE AND
EX-SERGEANT OF CONGO ARMY. LEADERS OF OTHER GROUP ARE
GENERAL MURAMA AND MASIRIKA, POLITICAL COMMISSAR OF PRP,
WHO WAS TRAINED IN SOVIET UNION. ACCORDING TO MUGWADI,
PRP GROUPS ARE LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTED BY PERSON CALLED
NDAMAGARA WHO REPORTEDLY HEADS UP BUJUMBURA OFFICES OF
AFRO-ASIAN SOLIDARITY HEADQUARTERS FOR CENTRAL AFRICA.
HE PLANS TO TOUCH BASE WITH NDAMAGARA IN BUJUMBURA EN ROUTE
TO EASTERN ZAIRE.
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